

Claim 7; line 1, please delete "The composition of Claim 1" and insert in place thereof -- The method of Claim 9 --.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the Amendment, Claims 2-7, 9 and 10 will be pending in the Application.

By the above Amendment, Claims 1 and 8 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; new Claims 9 and 10 have been added; Claims 2-7 have been amended to depend from new Claim 9. These changes do not introduce new matter into the claims pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 132, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejection, and that she withdraw it.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

On page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Gosen et al., Wittman et al., Kambour, Fukasawa et al. and Kress. To the extent that the Examiner may consider the rejection to be applicable to new Claims 9 and 10, it is respectfully traversed.

The utilization of phosphate flame retardants in ABS/aromatic polycarbonate blend compositions with PTFE is known in the art, but such compositions can exhibit less than desired levels of weatherability. Shipment and storage of articles made of these materials in extremely hot, humid climates, e.g. Southeast Asia, can expose the articles to prolonged exposure of heat and humidity which can undesirably result in embrittlement and loss of impact properties in the article. There has been a long felt need to develop a method for enhancing retention of impact properties upon prolonged exposure to heat and humidity. Applicants have unexpectedly found that with increasing HRG loading of

all samples contain higher rubber than the control sample still retain about 80% of the original value and fail in ductility while the control sample fails in brittle with low impact value after one week. This is a very dramatic improvement over the current control sample. Applicants believe that the higher rubbery phase might toughen the embrittled matrix sufficiently and thus helps to retain the good impact strength. It is respectfully submitted that none of the references cited by the Examiner teaches or suggests this new discovery. Thus, the section 103 rejection is improper and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions after reviewing this Preliminary Amendment, she is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney so that this case may receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

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